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Part B for ~~July~~ August 1929

SUBJECT

Improvement of the Ringas and other services of the Durgai Institutions at Sankethe by H.H. the Maharaja Silver-Jubilee Durgashtha Jeernoddharaka Bhakthi Mandali Mysore

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G.O. No. 26 74-6
dated 29.5.29

To the Mys. Com.
Comptroller
Dy. Com., Mysore

Passes orders in respect of the proposals by the Mandali

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Routine Notes.

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D 1082 & D

1) Application from the Manager, one of the organisers of the H.H. silver jubilee chari. Divya De sa jeernodharak Bhakta mandali, methol submitting a memorandum containing the details of a scheme for the improvements of methote town. 2) The prayers of the mandali are as follow:—

(1) improvements of the muz. ciems at the place,

(2) do — sanitary conditions of the methote town.

(3) — Social and econ conditions of the inhabitants.

(4) — Grant of 5000 acres of land at an upset price of Rs 10 to Rs 50 per acre according

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Routine Notes.

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The Quality of the Land.

Item no. 1 relates to this Branch while items nos. 2, 3 and 4 relate L.S.G, Dev and Rev. Branches & may be sent first to the Branch concerned for taking extracts from the memorandum and after this is done, action may be taken here &c 1.

Submit.

Ag
23-1-29.

This is not correct. The proper is that on the analogy of the draft for the Local Self Govt Scheme, the Mandalis may be considered as a district body for the purpose of grant of concessions & States. They could be constituted as a draft Act. M

3) There are the proposal for the constitution the mandali body with the rank & status of a Divisional Board in the L.S.G dept.

Ram 23/1/29

4) There is nothing in the for action in the Local Self Govt Branch except improvement of the land Credit of the town which should be the function of the Municipality. It is only the Municipality which prevent the land from which depends by sanitation of the town & they like it. The Credit Institutions of the Mandali & arrange them with the powers wanted may be opened & the Municipal for report as also the grant of 5000 acres of land.

5) It does not seem possible to acquire lands of the municipality from public or local bodies or other Govt. departments. Even by P.P. & other powers of the Magistrate, they could

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have to approach the authorities concerned

Mdy) 28-1-25.

1) I believe Mr. Shanmugam has moved a petition to the Mdy Commt. also There are some points in it which deserve sympathetic consideration (The 'Srirangam Lottery' agreement with the consent of the authority in the Madras Presidency for acquiring wet lands for an Ashtabandham of the Sri Ranganatha. Swamy temple has proved a success, & not only with full extent expected & the ~~subscribers~~ agitators — The ticket of the purchaser was made a profit) — May be referred to the Mdy Commt. for consideration and report on points in respect of which Govt. may be called upon.

(1st member) 25/1/25

A-Mes 28/1/25

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D/f. Submr

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To

The Inwd: Comr

No 15-37 D/4-2-29

Rec: an appln dd: 1082 from Sri Shanmugam, one of the organisers of H.H. Silver Jubilee charity Fund Rees Jamadhara Bakle-Mandali Nellore for consideration & report in respect of which Govt orders are called for.

From, Rec Dn C, Letter no. 1071 D/ 18.3.29,

Submits report called for in Sl./2.

The Dn. C's letter explains the facts of the case fully.

Prayers of the mandali, and the Dn. C's recommendations are noted juxta-position:—

(i) Grant of 5000 acres of Wet land for upset price free of cesses, and on a fasli 1/3 assessment.

} The Dn C is not for grant; this is b'cos of the large extent involved.

(ii) All Tahsildars should be authorized to receive money on behalf of mandali for being remitted to D.C. Mysore.

} recommends favourably

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(iii) Empowering D.C. Mysore to sanction the grant of wet lands for cultivation up-set price.

M.C. States that R.C. may be given possibility to sanction the wet land grant as stipulated Cultivable up to 1000 acres in the first instance & thereafter additional 1000 acres up to 3000 acres in all

IV Request of the organizers that the M.C., D.C., S.D.O. and the Taluk Amildar be Ex-officio members of the mandali

M.C. Recommends the grant of this request.

(V) utilization of 60% of the proceeds for temple services, and 15% for town improvement.

M.C. proposes (20% for civic and town improvement 5% for visiting of Hon. Brahmans

The programme for temple services

The M.C. States that after orders are passed on his proposals, D.C., Mysore, will be requested to submit Draft Rules re the Constitution and functions of the Mandali in consultation with the organizers

Points nos. 1 & 3 are perhaps to be dealt with in Rec. Rr.

Submit

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I am in entire agreement with the Muzrai Commissioner in the observations made in paras 1 to 3 of his letter of 18th March 1929. The Government tasdik to the Muzrai institutions at Melkote and Thondanur are quite inadequate for the performance of the sevas and for meeting the present day needs. This historic town of Melkote should be developed and the amenities of the place should be considerably improved. Government may well foster private philanthrophy in this direction.

4 The scheme submitted by the Mandali is a very ambitious one. Besides, it is, as observed by the Muzrai Commissioner very sketchy. To purchase 5,000 acres of wet land and to bring them under proper cultivation a sum of about Rs 15 to 20 lakhs would be required, on a modest estimate. The main object of purchasing lands is to provide a permanent income for utilisation on the several objects indicated in the petition. Whether the funds collected may be appropriated for purchasing lands or whether they may be invested in some other suitable form may be considered after it is known to what extent there is response from the public and contributions are forthcoming. It seems to be also premature to consider at the present moment, the question of the agency for the management of the properties that are expected to be created or the appropriation of the proceeds therefrom towards the several objects contemplated by the framers of the scheme.

What seems to be possible at this stage is:

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Government may express their full sympathy with the objects of the scheme which is calculated to improve the temple services and the sanitation of the town and afford necessary conveniences to the bhaktas and pilgrims visiting the Melkote temple. The main proposals of the Muzrai Commissioner are two: (1) permission to all treasuries in the State to receive money on behalf of the Mandali for being remitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District to be held in trust for purchasing lands in pursuance of the scheme; (2) general permission to the Revenue Commissioner to grant suitable wet lands at concession rates up to a limit of 1,000 acres for the temple , the upset price ranging from s 10 to Rs 50 per acre ordinarily which may be increased to a maximum of s 100 per acre in case of specially valuable lands in the Mysore District. When 1000 acres have thus been granted, the Revenue Commissioner may again be authorised similarly to grant an additional 1,000 acres at a time up a limit of 3,000 acres in all.

The question of granting irrigable lands at concession rates requires careful consideratio and for reasons already stated, the disposal of this matter cannot, I think, be taken up at this stage.

The proposal to authorise all treasuries in the State to receive money on behalf of the Mandali for being remitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, seems to be quite unobjectionable and may be sanctioned. The Deputy

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Commissioner as Trustee may be directed to invest all sums received in the Savings Bank under the Five Year Fixed Deposit arrangement pending the settlement of the appropriation of funds. The request made in para 3, (page 7 of the petition) may be approved.

As regards the ~~two~~ other prayers viz., that the Mandali with the constitutions suggested on pages 6 and 7 of the petition, may be ranked in the Muzrai Department just like the District Board in the Local Self Government Department, the Muzrai Commissioner seems to think that the details regarding the constitution and functions of the Mandali require further examination. As suggested by him, the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, may be requested to submit draft rules in consultation with the Organizers, for the consideration and orders of Government in due course. In the meantime, sanction may be accorded to the receipt of public subscriptions in the State treasuries for remittance free of charge to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, as proposed by the A.C

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1st Member

6/5/29

There is no objection to authorise all treasuries in the State to receive moneys on this account and remit them at par to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to be utilised for the purposes for which the collected funds will be authorised to be used. Orders accordingly might be issued.

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The request for the grant of lands at reduced upset rates, has to be dealt with by the Revenue Department.

The ideas of the Mandali in regard to the control to be exercised over the collected funds and the agency which should exercise it, are somewhat hazy. The proposal of the Mandal that it "may be ranked in the Muzrai Department just like the District Board in the Local Self-Government Department" is not quite intelligible and no such organization can be recognised or permitted to exercise any executive functions in respect of the disposal of the funds collect-ed. What the Mandali apparently wants is ~~xxx~~ that its views might be considered in using the funds collected through its agency. An accurate list of the donors may be kept and it may also be published periodically. Two or three donors may be nominated by Government to be associated with the agency permitted to advise Government in the expenditure of the collected funds. I do not think anything more is possible.

The Mandali may be assured that the funds collected by its efforts will be held for the benefit of the temples at the two places and for the improvement of the town of Melkote. A few of the donors and others who have worked for the formation of the Fund may be associated with the Advisory Body appointed for the con-duct of the affairs of the temples and for the improvement of the town of Melkote. The Board

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of Dharmadarsis are primarily concerned with the temples and the Municipal Council with the sanitary improvement of the town. How donors and others, if necessary, should be associated with these two Bodies, is a point which may be settled later on. The whole question of the agency to offer advice in regard to the expenditure of collected funds is somewhat premature at the present stage as observed by the Financial Secretary and it may be settled later on It is, however, necessary to make one point clear The final decision in regard to the utilisation of the funds should rest with the Government in the Judicial and Local Self-Government Departments

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Necessary steps
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Mr & O Submit.
AV
8/5/29.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSTT. P.W.D. SOUTH No. 1881

Ans 8/5

1st Member

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The orders now to be issued may be limited to the authority for receiving these amounts & for all transmissions & remitting them to the Mysore. It may be added that the amounts will be held for the benefit of the Muzrai temples at Melkote and Nandanar and for the improvement of the town of Melkote - on other matters it may be stated that orders will be passed in due course. Reg

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Revenue Dept and Subs[t] put the case [illegible] Revenue are necessary before we pass orders on the other representations [illegible] the Mandate.

Revise Mr Draft middle

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Revised D/F. Submit.

AV 15.5.29.

Required alterations as per [illegible] on the typed draft for appl

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Clean type Mr Jenkins & submit

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Typed D/F Submit.

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2. The Hon'ble Mr. Cassels

Comptr. D.C. Lucknow

No 2674-6 of 29-5-29

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39 G.O. has issued on 29.5.29
Orders solicited on other points
raised in members minutes (vide
30 supra).
Submitted.
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16 (40) The question of fixing reappraisement periods & rents to the mandate may perhaps be taken up later on when we have accumulated.

Eng 9/6/29

OFFICE OF THE
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT
11 JUNE 1929
No. 7669

(41) Submitted for orders
(Members) 9/6/29

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Eng 10/6/29

(42) What are the points to be dealt with in Mines Dept.? They may be mentioned & noted for me.

11-6-29

There are no points now to be dealt with in the Mines Department.
Submitted
16/6/29.

(11) The remaining proposals are as follows
(1) Grant of 5000 acres of
web laws for irrigation Price free of cervices

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and on a floor of 1/2% fee assessment.

(11) Empowering the Dy Com Inspector to Sanct the Loans at Conversion rates

(111) Sanction to Mny Com. Dy Com, S.D.O, & Asst Collector to become ex officio members of the committee formed

IV. Grant of Statutory powers to the Mandals, form like the Dist Boards. —

(45) as regards grant of Loans at Conversion rates & empowering the Dy Com to grant the Loans — the R.C will have to be consulted — Mny Com Promises to forward same, & the Constitution etc of the Mandals after orders are passed on these points. Of approval the file will be transferred to Leg Dept for action —

Subject

19/6 (46) The request for the grant of Loans at Conversion rates put forward by the Mandals may be ~~transferred to~~ dealt with in the Rev Branch

(47) The Mandals' request for the recognition in the Municipal Dept just like the District Board in the Local Self Govt Dept" This proposal may perhaps be considered after proposals regarding the Constitution and functions of the Mandals

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proceedings from the Mun Commr are received

(48) An other request of the mandali in the Mun Commr & C. S.D.O. of Mundgod of the Taluk may be permitted to become ex-officio members of the ~~Committee~~ Mandali. The M.C. recommends sanction to this proposal. This also may perhaps be first considered after receipt of detailed proposals regarding the Constitution & functions of the Mandali from the M.C. who will be requested for their early submission.

Engg 20/6/29

for Secy

(49) To Genl Secy with Compliments
Vide para 25 supra

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Secy

(50) Vide appr. of the M.G. Shanbhaugar page 5 para 4 under head Note Progress. Please put up files referred to if any have been sanctioned by Govt.

Rec. Br. 1.

Rec.
21.6.29
Mr P SN

(51) Survey file. 243-26 (182) relating to the order sanctioning the grant of 24 acres of land under Manchipalia Hutchabere tank at an upset price of Rs 50/ ~~per pattu~~ & FR file

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leading to the order directing the grant of 26 ac 27 cents in Mambally & Samanathpur villages at an upset price of Rs 75/ are herewith put up. What the Mandali now asks for is the grant of wet lands upto an extent 5000 acres at an upset price of Rs 10 to Rs 50/ on Bhavani Canal" Submit for orders

5 Page 4

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(12) There no lands granted to the temple in the Appalur Kavil Hamlet also? Please find out & put up

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(13) L.R file 543-27 (3+4) leading to the order sanctioning the grant of 50 acres of land out of Appalur Kavil Hamlet to the Tollur temple for an upset price of Rs 30/ per acre is put up as directed.

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(14) The Magistrate recommends that the Revenue may be given general permission to grant suitable waste lands as

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concession rate up to a limit 1000 for the temple, the upset price ranging from Rs 10 to Rs 50 per acre ordinarily, which may be increased to Rs 100 per acre in cases of specially valuable lands in the vicinity. It is also proposed that when 1000 acres have been so granted the Rev. Com. may be authorised similarly to grant an additional 1000 acres at a rate up to a limit of 2000 acres in all.

(5) Govt have already sanctioned over 10 h acres to the temple at the instance of the Mahant as seen from the files put up herewith. Some have been granted at the rate of Rs 30 an acre, some at Rs 50 and others at Rs 75. Fixing the upset price from Rs 10 to Rs 100 would seem to be somewhat arbitrary as there may be lands very valuable and for which Rs 100 per acre may be too low.

(6) Further the extent of the proposed limit for each grant/ even for each instalment is also high and the Rev. Com. may be requested to propose more moderate limits. Further

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there appears to be absolutely no hurry to fix such higher limits as the upset prices for their lands have to be met out of funds collected from the public and requisitions from the Mandali for lands can in the nature of things be only for small extents within the limits of their collections.

(57) The other objects of the Mandali include the improvement of the sanitation of the town of Nellore and of the social & civic condition of its inhabitants. How far the co-operation of the Mandali will be helpful to the local bodies in securing the objects in view can only become manifest after the constitution and functions of this Mandali are determined and after the Mandali has made sufficient progress in the collection of funds.

B.N.
10.7.29

Second Member

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The R.C maybe authorised to grant up to 1000 acres in the first instance on the terms proposed by him. The result may be reported & the grant of further areas may be decided thereafter. The lands granted will have to be on the ordinary tenure liable to pay all cesses & other taxes from time to time.

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59) JM
13-7-29

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No. 3586

1st. member) 60) For Sanct.

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61) Mr.
13-7-29

62) Draft of a G.O put up for approval in order to maintain the sequence of the file, the draft may kindly be ordered to be issued from the Secretariat Dr, and a copy of the order being sent to this Dr for reference and record

Mr MSN
clean typed &
corrected
17/7/29

Resubmitted with a typed draft
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64 approved. I agree to the issue of the order, but the thing Br.

Br. 19/7

Mrs Br 19/7

Mr 28/7

65 I do not think it is appropriate to issue orders that Rev Comm. to the grant of lands already given from the thing Br.

He had better go from the Rev branch.

Relevant extracts may be taken for expeditious.

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Mr Dutt 28/7

66 Now personal before me

AS 29/7

Second member.

Br. 29/7

63 ESM 30/7 Br.

Noted AS 30/7

Relevant Extracts taken as ordered vide d-19 556-28(3)

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G.O. No R 861-4/LR 556-28-3 dy 28-29

The mny Commr The R C

The D C. Mysore. The Comptr

Directs that the R. C. may grant land

up to 1000 acres to the Mandali in the first

instance on the terms proposed by him i

result may be reported and further gra

if any may be settled thereafter.

70) Relevant extracts as ordered in para

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71) Orders solicited on members'

minutes in paras 26 & 27 of the

Office note (vide also 71)

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be posted to work with the Forest

Agency to be constituted for

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Priority to be associated with the

Agency of the Maintenance of Forests

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GEN & REV SECRETARIAT
13 AUG 1929
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for public support has been forthcoming and whatever progress has been made in the collection of subscriptions, had better be ascertained before we proceed further

74 I dare say Mr. Shanmugam knows what was in the matter

75 We may await a further opinion from the Hon'ble Minister

(Sd.) Members

Hm
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No. 1179

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76 I agree

Bms
21/4/29

Sd. 22.8.2

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SECRETARIAT
17 MUZRAI 21077 17/12

No M 225

To

Rajakaryaprasaktha Diwan Bahadur
M. N. Krishna Rao, B.A.,
First member in Council,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I, one of the organisers of "His Highness the Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodayar Bahadur Silver Jubilee Charity Divya Desa Jeernodharaka Bhaktha Mandali" Melkote, beg to submit herewith a memorandum containing the details of a scheme founded mainly with a view to improve and put on a more firmer basis the existing conditon of the working of the Temple Pujas, etc., and generally to improve the Sanitary conditions and also to imporve the Social and Civic conditions of the inhabitants of the town of Melkote, and thus revive Raja Bhakthi and Diva Bhakthi amongst the general public.

The objects of the Mandali have been stated in the memorandum and we respectfully request that the same ~~may be submitted to Government~~ kia meel- with your strong recommendation.

The organisers trust that the scheme will have your full approval ~~while submitting to Government.~~

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M G Krishna Rao

Melkote,
15th December 1928.

One of the Organisers of the Charity and Dharmadarsi, Muzari Institutions, Melkote.

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA SRI KRISHNARAJA
WODAYAR BAHADUR SILVER JUBILEE CHARITY: DIVYA DESA
JEERNODHARAKA BHAKTHA MANDALI, MELKOTE.

M E M O R A N D U M.

Preface. Tho Sthala Puranam of Melkote also known as "Yadavagiri one of the most important Vishnu Kshethras in Southern India being situated in the Mysore State within a distance of abou 30 miles from the Capital goes to show that Sri Sampath-kumaran or Salvapillai (the presiding deity) was installed by Sri Krishna himself and the rulers of Mysore who are of Yaduvamsa as such had a special regard for this temple and did much to place it then on a satisfactory basis. For instance His Highness Raja Wodayar besides granting many Inam Villages to the temple, gave a Crown named "Rajamudi" to the Deity and the annual festival is still carried in connection with the latter. He also set right the managements of the Jaghirs granted by the Delhi Padashahas.

In the year Srimukha steps to the Kalyani and many mantaps around the same which are still in existance were built by Princess Muddu Rajammanni of the Mysore Royal Family. Dodda Devaraja Wodayar also granted many Inam villages to the temple and gave valuable jewels. This temple was also taken care of with special interest by Chikka Devaraja Wodayar and Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wodayar. Mummadi Krishnaraja Wodayar granted a crown named "Krishnaraja Mudi" along with many valuable jewels and festivities annually in connection with it are still being celebrated.

The History of Melkote can be traced to so far back as 1098 A.D. when the Hoysala King Vishnu Vardhana had the

management of the temple directly under him. Between 1098 and 1399 when the management was taken over by one of the Mysore kings although the temple and town underwent many changes under different rulers the temple continued to possess vast landed properties and jewels.

From1399 to 1800 A.D. the requirements of the temple education and town improvement were met by the income derived from 11 Hoblies and 13 Villages with a beriz of 10,521 pagodas and a hobly and 1,620 pagodas for individual villages, Vrithies and Swasthyas aggregating to 444½ varahas and from Asthagram paddy fields worth 1,671½ varahas aggregating to 14,257½ pagodas and four hanas or roughly Rs.42,77. During the Mahammadan Rule between 1800-1818 although the system was not changed, the villages alloted were resumed by the Goverment and cash payments were made instead.

In 1819 His Highness the Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wodayar clubbed the allotments made for (1) Revenue Establishment (2) Temple Establishment (3) Temple Service and framed Tasdik Patti and amalgamated all into one general establishment. As this did not work well the Tasdik was converted into a cash grant which continued till 1821 although correspondance was going on to make further changes But in 1831 when the administration passed into the hands of the British, all arrangements collapsed and a sort of Tasdik Patti for only 8,000 varahas without any reference to the details that obtained previously was framed by Dasappaji and sent to the Chief Commissioner who did not deviate from the old practice. The whole amount was consumed by the old sevas which were kept up. This system continued till about 1900 when the whole of Tasdik was revised and all the grain and food allowances were converted into cash

grants and the aggregate was fixed at Rs.20,000/- in place of all previous grants. The Bhatamanya Inams which amounted to several varahas were merged in the grant and no corresponding increase was given though in the Inam Department, Temple Funds amounting to Rs.737/- are still shown as belonging to the temple. The amounts saved owing to the deaths and desertions of the temple servants lapsed to Government. This coupled with the present continued high prices of food grains for the last fourteen years, put the people of Melkote into considerable hardship and owing to the pinch of poverty several have migrated and even the few that remain in the place are likely to go away which means the desertion of a temple which is an ornament to South India.

Object. In order thus to bring Melkote into its original flourishing condition and to restore the temple funds to the previous scale, a Committee consisting of a few gentlemen was formed at Melkote during the xx early part of the year 1926 and was called "Divya Desa Jeernodharaka Bhaktha Mandali" and the work x was begun in right earnest. As the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of our beloved Maharaja introduced the Committee in one of its sittings resolved to prefix to their name "Silver Jubilee Charity" and assumed its name as "Silver Jubilee Charity Divya Desa Jeernodharaka Bhaktha Mandali, Melkote" and this suggestion was also approved by Government (Vide Mysore Deputy Commissioner's letter No.H.461/A.C.9-8-1927.

The main object of the Mandali is:--

1. to improve the affairs and management of the different Muzari Institutions situated in the town of Melkot

2. to improve the sanitar conditions of the Melkote Town.

3. to improve the social and civic conditions of the

inhabitants to revive Raja Bhakti and Diva Bhakthi amongst the public in general.

This object can only be achieved if funds are more available which may be used as auxiliary to the present grant of Rs.20,000/- which amount was fixed, many years ago when food-stuffs were cheap and local environments sound and favourable but which with the present high rates of food stuffs is quite inadequate.

For this purpose the Mandali have conceived a plan whereby they expect to persuade "Bhaktas" generally irrespective of caste and creed for a liberal subscription and with these funds to approach our Benign Government for grant of suitable cultivable wet lands at concession rates ranging in prices from Rs.10/- to Rs.50/- per acre. The Mandali requires at least 5,000 acres fetching an average annual income of Rs.50,000/- which the Mandali expects to purchase from out of 50 per cent of the subscriptions collected, keeping the other 50 per cent for improving the lands acquired.

The Mandali expects to distribute the aforesaid realisation of Rs.50,000/- proportionately as per particulars furnished in the accompanying "Tasdik Patti" Schedule A. The Mandali tries to bring to the kind notice that irrespective of the amounts realised immediate effect will be given to distribute the realisation on a percentage basis. In case the first object of the Mandali, Viz., securing 5,000 acres of land is achieved not only the capital investment of the Muzarai Institutions at Melkote will be secured and increased but also ample facility will be afforded to restore the Town and the institutions to their original flourishing condition.

Before making the prayer the Mandali tries to bring to the kind notice, the progress it has already achieved in the working of the plan.

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Mirza Muhammad Ismail, B.A. C.I.E.OB.E

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Sir,

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The objects of the Mandali have been stated in the memorandum and we respectfully request that the same may be submitted to Government with your strong recommendation. Will meet-

The organisers trust that the scheme will have your full approval ~~while submitting to Government~~.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
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M E M O R A N D U M.

Preface. The Sthala Puranam of Melkote also known as "Yadavagiri one of the most important Vishnu Kshethras in Southern India being situated in the Mysore State within a distance of abc 30 miles from the Capital goes to show that Sri Sampath-kumaran or Salvapillai (the presiding deity) was installed by Sri Krishna himself and the rulers of Mysore who are of Yaduvamsa as such had a special regard for this temple and did much to place it then on a satisfactory basis. For instance His Highness Raja Wodayar besides granting many Inam Villages to the temple, gave a Crown named "Rajamudi" to the Deity and the annual festival is still carried in connection with the latter. He also set right the managements of the Jaghirs granted by the Delhi Padashahas.

In the year Srimukha steps to the Kalyani and many mantaps around the same which are still in existance were built by Princess Muddu Rajammanni of the Mysore Royal Famil Dodda Devaraja Wodayar also granted many Inam villages to the temple and gave valuable jewels. This temple was also taken care of with special interest by Chikka Devaraja Woday and Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wodayar. Mummadi Krishnaraja Wodayar granted a crown named "Krishnaraja Mudi" along with many valuable jewels and festivities annually in connection with it are still being celebrated.

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Date of issue 4/2/29

Signed by for Y. V. Somayajulu

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for consideration and report on points in respect of which joint orders are called for, application no 1082 from Mr Shanmugam one of the organisers of H H Silver jubilee Charity Divya Desa Jeernoddharaka Bhakta mandali, Nellore, submitting a memorandum containing the details a scheme for overflow

List of enclosures .....

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Dated, Bangalore, 16th March 1929

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FROM

P. G. D'SOUZA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
~~Revenue~~ Muzrai *Commissioner in Mysore.*

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TO

Financial
The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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for perusal in the first instance
1st member 19/3/29 Mee. 20.3.29

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.1537 dated 4th February 1929 forwarding for consideration and report an application from Mr. Shama Iyengar, one of the Organizers of H.H. Silver Jubilee Charity Divya Desa Jeernodharaka Bhakta Mandali, Melkote, submitting a Scheme for improving the condition of the working of the Temple pujas etc., I have the honour to submit herewith copy of Mysore Deputy Commissioner's letter No.H.461/A.C. dated 20th December 1928 detailing the circumstances of the case and recommending sanction to the proposals of the Committee generally, and to state as follows:--

2. The Association has, as the name indicates, been formed to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, IV, and its objects, as set forth in the Memorandum, are the improvement of the services in the Muzrai Institutions at Melkote and Thondanur, and the civic and social condition of the inhabitants of the town of Melkote, and the sanitary conditions of the town, which has been gradually declining from its original glory owing to various causes. The town of Melkote owes its importance to the Temple which was renovated by the great Teacher and Reformer Sri Ramanuja Charlar, and the Temple has been nurtured by the ancestors of the present ruling Dynasty. It is one of the few places of pilgrimage attracting large crowds of Hindu devotees all castes from all parts of India during the Vairamudi [illegible] Even in these days of modern ideas, the place has not lost its

on the devotional side of the Hindu mind, irrespective of cas and creed, and it is the one place in orthodox Southern India Adi Karnatakas are allowed access into the Temple. The place occupies a unique position in Southern India, and particularly so in the Mysore State, which has been giving the Temple a large gran of Rs.20,000/- each year almost the largest grant from State Funds to any single Muzrai Institution. A reference to the historic records would show that the grant is only a substitute, in part, for a very much larger income which the temple was getting from th inam villages which had been endowed to it by previous administrations inclusive of Mahomedan Dynasties who rules at Delhi, and lat Mahomedan Rulers of Mysore, and which were subsequently resumed. The grant that is now made by the Muzrai Department is utilized solely for the services in the temple and as the prices of all the commodities have risen, considerably, since the grant was original fixed, the present allotment hardly suffices for the performance of the several Sevas.

3. Besides, much difficulty is being experienced at present by devotees visiting the place, as there are no facilities way of hotels or restaurants where they could get their food howe much they can afford to pay for the same. Public feeding at Mel is therefore a necessary institution at least during the Jatra season. For maintaining the importance of the temple, the sanita condition of the town has also to be attended to, and civic and social conditions of the inhabitants have also to be improved. But as any increase in cash grant to the temple cannot be used fo the improvement of the town and it may not be possible to sanctic any appreciable grant from the State Funds for the objects which the Mandali is proposed to be formed it is desirable to stimulat private charity to provide for these requirements. The organiz of the Mandali have come forward to meet the above wants and the aspirations in this matter therefore deserve sympathetic conside tion.

the organizers have proposed to provide a permanent income, and with that view, they intend to go about collecting funds from the devotees for the purchase of about 5000 acres of wet land. All that they seek at the hands of Government is a slight concession in the shape of grant of land to them for upset price. They also pray that the lands so sanctioned should be held free of cesses and subject to a jodi of 1/3rd assessment. The Deputy Commissioner of Mysore is not in favour of granting the land on reduced assessment as prayed for by the organizers. I am also of the opinion that in view of the large extent involved, it is not possible to comply with the request of the Mandali in regard to this concession. The other requests of the Mandali are:—

(1) That all the Treasuries in the State should be authorised to receive money on behalf of the Mandali for being remitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to be held in trust for purchasing lands in pursuance of the scheme.

(2) That the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, should be empowered to sanction the grant of wet lands in convenient places for concession upset price, ranging from Rs.10/- to Rs.50/- per acre, according to the nature of the land and the prevailing market value in the locality.

The first concession may be sanctioned being unobjectionable. As regards the second concession, the power of sanctioning lands at concession rates to the Muzrai Institutions now rests with the Revenue Commissioner and there is no reason why this rule should ~~xxxxxx~~ be relaxed in this particular case. Further, it may not also be possible for the Deputy Commissioner of one District to find all the land that may be required for the purpose in that District alone. The Revenue Commissioner may therefore be given general permission to grant suitable wet lands at concession up to a limit of 1000 acres for the temple, the upset price ranging from Rs.10/- to Rs.50/- per acre ordinarily, which may be raised to a maximum of Rs.100 - per acre in case of specially valu-

valuable lands in the Mysore District. When more than 1000 have been granted the Revenue Commissioner may be authorised ly to grant an additional 1000 acres at a time up to a limit 3000 acres in all.

5. For the management of the properties and for the utili tion of the proceeds therefrom towards the expenses for carrying out the objects of the Scheme, definite proposals have not been in the petition now submitted. There is however a clause provi that these lands should stand in the name of the Deity and that should not be subject to resumption but may be disposed of, in they are found to be not yielding, for purchasing other properti of a better sort. As the lands are to be in the name of The De they will be managed by the Executive of the Temple. Out of th net realisations, the expenses connected with the purpose of the scheme will be incurred by the Executive of the Department for wh benefit the proportionate income is intended. All that the Mandali wants is, that its views as regards the way in which the funds sha be used, should be obtained and the expenses incurred, as per the resolutions of the Mandali.

6. Though the constitution of the Mandali has not been clea set forth in the application, it is presumed that the donors should be members of the Mandali. It may be suggested that every devote who subscribes not less than Rs.100/- to the fund may be a Life Member. In cases where the donation exceeds Rs.2,000/- the elde male descendant of the original donor may continue to be a member long as the particular family lasts.

7. The organizers have further requested that the Muzrai Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, the Sub Division Officer and the Taluk Amildar may be Ex-officio members of the Mandali. request may also be granted.

8. From the statement appended to the petition, it is seen

that 60 per cent of the proceeds are intended to be utilised for temple services and 15 per cent for the improvement of the town. It is desirable that the proportion to be spent on civic and town improvement should also be raised and that some provision should be made for the poor visitors of the Non-Brahmin communities resorting to the place. I would therefore propose that 20 per cent of the proceeds may be utilised for civic and town improvement, 5 per cent specially provided for the visitors of the Non-Brahmin communities, the provision for temple services being suitably reduced.

9. After orders of Government are passed on the proposals herein made, the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, will be requested to submit draft rules regarding the constitution and functions of the Mandali on the lines indicated above in consultation with the Organizers.

10. The enclosures received with your letter under reply, are sent herewith.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

Letter No.H.461/A.C. dated 20th December 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:-- Jubilee Charities - Melkote - Proposals for sanction.

I have the honour to state that Mr. M.G. Shama Iyengar, one of the Dharmadarsis of the Muzrai Institutions at Melkote and Hosaholalu Sowcar Mr. Venkataramana Setty and other respectable devotees of the Temple have organised the "Bhakta Mandali" Sabha since known as the "Jubilee Charities" in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, in accordance with the sanction conveyed in D.O. letter No.631 dated 9th August 1927 from the Private Secretary to the Dewan (copy enclosed

2. The object of the organisers is to raise funds for the charities and purchase lands in favour of the temple, so as to provide additional funds for the current and special items of expenditure of the temples at Melkote and Thonnur and also for the improvement of the town of Melkote in general.

3. In order to place the organization on a firm basis and infuse public confidence, Mr. M.G. Shama Iyengar one of the organisers has submitted the enclosed memorandum of proposals as to the constitution and powers of the different bodies of the organisation, the extent to which concessions from Government are sought in the matter of the grant of lands at upset price and the distribution of income realised from the charities for various purposes.

4. The scheme as propounded by the charities is elaborate and exhaustive. The object of the foundation is indeed noble and laudable and as it takes root and develops, will help in the improvement of Melkote town and temples. The movement is making fair progress and if the scheme receives the imprimatur of Government sanction, the progress will be even more rapid.

5. I request that sanction of Government may kindly be recommended to be accorded to the proposals of the charities exce

charities (para 5 of page 8 and para 6 of page 9)
the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner, when rec
individual grants to Rs.100/- per acre for specially
irrigable land and that all lands granted to the charit
be levied with full assessment and cesses.

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For Muzrai Commissioner.

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No. 2076

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
30 APR. 1929
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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 25-4-1929

The accompanying petition addressed to the Dewan is forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary to Government, .. Mungaru Department.

By Order,

Private Secretary to the Dewan

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AMIN-UL-MULK
MIRZA M. ISMAIL, ESQR: B.A., C.B.E., C.I.E.,
DEWAN SAHIB IN MYSORE,
B A N G A L O R E .

S i r,

The undersigned organisers of the Jubilee Charity Bhakta Mandali of Melakote beg to submit a feww facts for favour of your kind consideration and orders.

A detailed memorandum was submitted before Your Honour ~~on 5th March~~ in Jan. 1929 explaining the full scheme with the object of providing sufficient funds for :-

(i) The up-keep of the Sri Narayanaswami Temple,

(ii) To improve the sanitary condition of the Town,

(iii) To revive Raja Bhakti and Deva Bhakti among the general public, and at the same time,

(iv) To improve the social and civic condition of the inhabitants.

To achieve these objects, a vast fund is necessary. The undersigned organisers formed a Bhakta Mandali and arrived at the conclusion to approach the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore with a prayer to grant lands at concession rates, the funds for the purchase of the lands being ~~granted~~ realised by the liberal donations on the part of the Bhaktas.

A similar application submitted to the Muzrai Commissioner through the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, has, it is understood, been forwarded to Government on 18th March 1929

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In these circumstances, we beg to request you to kindly sanction the scheme early to enable us to proceed with the work.

We beg to remain,

S i r,

Your most obedient servants,

one of the organizers

one of the organizers and Dharmadarshis

Mazavai Institutions

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

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Correspondence ending with letter No. 1071 dated 18th March 1929 from the Muzrai Commissioner submitting his views on the scheme.

Order thereon.....

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Another object of the association is to provide facilities for feeding and lodging of the devotees visiting the place during the Jatra season.

In the scheme submitted by the Mandali the organizers have proposed to provide a

a permanent income to finance the several objects in view and they intend to collect subscriptions from the public interested ~~in~~ in the scheme for the purchase of about 5,000 acres of wet land.

The Mandali has prayed for Government support to the scheme and has requested the grant of certain concessions.

The requests of the Mandali are the following:-

(1) All the treasuries in the State may be authorised to receive money deposited on behalf of the Mandali and to ~~permit the~~ remit them at par to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District to be held in trust for the purchase of wet lands in pursuance of the scheme.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner may be empowered to sanction the grant of wet lands in convenient places for upset prices at concession rates.

(3) The occupation of lands so granted ~~should~~ may be declared free of cesses and subject to 1/3rd assessment.

(4) The Muzrai Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, Sub Division Officer, Hunsur Range and the Taluk Amildar may be appointed as ex-officio members of the Mandali, which may be given a status in the Muzrai Department just like the District Board in the Local Self Government Department

The Deputy Commissioner generally supports the proposals of the organizers of

of the Charities but he is not in favour of granting the lands on reduced assessment as prayed for by them.

The Muz. Commr. states that the first concession may be sanctioned as being unobjectionable. As regards the second concession he suggests that the Rev. Commr. may be given general permission to grant suitable wet lands at concession rates up to a limit of 1000 acres at a time, the aggregate area which may be thus granted to the temple being fixed at 3000 acres. The third request is not supported by the Muz. Commr.

He recommends the grant of the prayer for the appointment of the several Govt. Officers referred to as ex-officio members of the Mandali and suggests that the constitution and functions may be defined by rules to be framed in due course.

Govt. see no objection to authorise all treasuries in the State to receive moneys presented on behalf of the Charities and to remit them at par to the Dy. Commr., Mysore District to be utilised for the benefit of the Muz. temples at Melkote and Thondanur an for the improvement of the town of Melkote. The Comptroller is accordingly requested to issue necessary instructions in this behalf in consultation with the Dy. Commr. Mysore District.

Orders will be passed in due course on the other matters.

Finl. Secy. to Govt

To

The Muz. Commr. in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Govt.
The Deputy Commr., Mysore Dist.

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2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 2071 dated 18th March 1929 from the Munrai Commissioner in Mysore submitting his views on the scheme.

Order No. 2674-6/Inm293-28-5

Dated, Mangalore, the 27th May 1929.
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Secretary to Government
Financial Department

To

The Accountant General in Mysore, Bangalore.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, [illegible] District.

S.R.G.O.